



14 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

1. Attached is correspondence between DCI and the Deputy Secretary of Defense going back to last fall and concerning the NPIC role in wartime.

2. The DCI in his letter of 25 October promised to be in touch "at a later date."

3. With the phase-out of the Staff, I am not sure where all this stands and am not at all certain that further action is required. In any case, I wouldn't know who to contact to get a current reading. *Help!*

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1. Apparently there is some feeling among some Pentagon officials that the DCI's response to Secretary Gilpatric on 25 October 1963 concerning the role of NPIC in wartime was evasive and puzzling.

2. In reviewing the correspondence on this matter including Gilpatric's letter to the DCI of 2 October, DDCI notes that the DCI letter of 25 October does, in fact, promise a further letter. General Carter asked me to inquire of you as to the status of your studies.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with General Alva Fitch, 14 January
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1. I lunched today with General Fitch to explain the background and purpose of the NIPE Staff. I talked mostly about the two task forces under [] and Ambassador Nolting and the review authorized by the Secretary of Defense of NSA.

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2. Two specific points of some importance developed.

a. NPIC. General Fitch said that the Joint Chiefs of Staff were disturbed by the Agency's response to their inquiry about the transfer of NPIC to the Secretary of Defense in the event of war. According to General Fitch, JCS regards the answer as evasive. I said that I was only vaguely aware of the background of this request but that it was my impression there was concern in certain quarters of the Agency about the proposed definition of "outbreak of war." There seemed to be some fear that the wording proposed was so vague as to justify the transfer of NPIC in the event of some minor disturbance in the Caribbean or elsewhere. General Fitch said that conversely there was some fear on the part of the Military that CIA was attempting to get out of its commitment entirely. This was all said in a very amicable way. General Fitch appears to feel that this is an issue which is needlessly creating difficulties between CIA and the JCS and one which can be, he thinks, easily resolved.

b. Duplication. I transmitted the Director's request to General Fitch to inform himself of the facilities and services available in the Agency and the Director's desire that DIA make full use of these facilities. I said that where appropriate the Director proposed that CIA make full use of the facilities and services of DIA. If such an arrangement is fully implemented, it should, in the Director's view, eliminate useless duplication.

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John Bross M/R on
14 Jan meeting with
Alva Fitch

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Response on NPIC — 1/16
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